Such is the condition. I think the Government may rest assured that I am not likely to come forward to make any suggestion based on sentiment. But in full sense of responsibility I have made this representation and I hope the Government will seriously consider this matter in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer, the Superintendent of the Jail and the Inspector General of Prisons. I trust the Government will consider this matter with greater sympathy.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sir, I agree with every word that has been expressed by the Hon'ble Members of the House. But I do not think that there is any necessity for a fresh committee. Already the rules that are existing give ample provision. No doubt there is one sentence in the jail rules that a doctor should certify that unless the prisioner is set out he will die. It is that that really stands against the Medical Officer certifying and the Jail Rule requires that it should be done in the very wording.

As regards letting them off the difficulty is that some of these men have no relations. I myself know that I recommended, when I was the Civil Surgeon at Trichur, the release of some prisoners. It is not that the Government is vindictive. A lot of money was spent for giving them Ayurvedic treatment. A good deal was spent for bringing them over here for X'Ray Examination. But the nature of the disease has baffled the profession. At first it was thought to be beri beri. But it is not so. It is common in other Jails also. We wanted to release some others also. But the difficulty was there were no relations to come and take charge of them.

Mr. President.—The Honorary visitors may bring the matter to the notice of the Government.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We once brought this to the notice of the Government but this certificate stood in the way.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—I beg leave of the House to withdraw the Resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

5. Collection and conservation of ancient cadjan Granthas.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—"*This Council recommends to the Government that immediate arrangements be made to*

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collect and conserve ancient cadjan Granthas of cultural, literary or historical interest wherever available in the State".

I do not want to make a long speech. Other Governments are taking like steps. The Mysore Government has sent out men even into Cochin State to collect our old Cadjan documents; if we do not take prompt steps to collect the old granthams scattered all over the State we may lose all of them and along with them all materials from which we can reconstruct our history. It will also enable us to preserve our culture in all its purity.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Sir, I second it.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Sir, the Government are pleased to accept the resolution.

Mr. President.—Do you wish to continue discussion of the other resolutions? (Some Hon'ble Members: We will adjourn). Then the House stands adjourned *sine die*.

The House was adjourned sine die at 4-15 p. m.

B. V. KRISHNANKUTTY MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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